I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2022 (SECOND) Regular Session **VOTING RECORD**

| Bill No. 224-36 (COR) | | | Spea | aker Antonio R. U | | tive Session Hal |
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| As amended by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning. | April 1, 2022 | | | | | |
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| Senator V. Anthony Ada | J | | | | | |
| Senator Frank Blas Jr. | J | | | | | |
| Senator Joanne Brown | J | | | | | |
| Senator Christopher M. Dueñas | J | | | | | |
| Senator James C. Moylan | J | | | | | |
| Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes | J | | | | | |
| Senator Telena Cruz Nelson | | | | | J | J |
| Senator Sabina Flores Perez | J | | | | | |
| Senator Clynton E. Ridgell | | | | | J | J |
| Senator Joe S. San Agustin | J | | | | | |
| Senator Amanda L. Shelton | J | | | | | |
| Senator Telo T. Taitague | J | | | | | |
| Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje | J | | | | | |
| Speaker Therese M. Terlaje | J | | | | | |
| Senator Mary Camacho Torres | | | | | J | J |
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I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 224-36 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning, and further amended on the Floor.

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| Introduced by: | Sabina Flores Perez |
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AN ACT TO *REPEAL* CHAPTER 19, DIVISION 3 OF TITLE 30, GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND TO *ADD* A NEW CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 12, GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING INSURANCE CONTINUING EDUCATION.

| 1 | BE IT ENA | ACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM: |
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| 2 | Section 1. | Chapter 19, Division 3 of Title 30, Guam Administrative Rules |
| 3 | and Regulations, i | s hereby repealed. |
| 4 | Section 2. | A new Chapter 2 is added to Title 12, Guam Administrative |
| 5 | Rules and Regulat | tions, to read: |
| 6 | | "CHAPTER 2 |
| 7 | | INSURANCE CONTINUING EDUCATION |
| 8 | § 2101. | Authority; Legislative Findings and Intent. |
| 9 | § 2102. | Purpose. |
| 10 | § 2103. | Definitions. |
| 11 | § 2104. | Applicability. |
| 12 | § 2105. | Educational Requirements. |

- 1 § 2106. Qualifying Continuing Education Courses; Approval; Records.
- 2 § 2107. Repeated Courses.
- 3 § 2108. Extension of Time.
- 4 § 2109. Compliance.
- 5 § 2110. Penalty, Legal Authority, §§ 15703 and 15705 of the Insurance
- 6 Laws.
- 7 § 2111. Continuing Education Exemption.
- 8 § 2112. Pre-Licensing Course and Written Examination.
- 9 § 2101. Authority; Legislative Findings and Intent.
- 10 I Liheslaturan Guåhan intends to establish government policy that would improve the delivery of insurance protection and services to consumers on Guam. 11 12 One approach toward this objective deals with encouraging and promoting the 13 highest level of qualification and competency in the ranks of agents, brokers, 14 insurance producers, and the like, who are licensed to transact or sell insurance on 15 Guam. As such, *I Liheslatura* finds it necessary and in the best interest of insurance 16 consumers to examine the standard industry knowledge and educational 17 qualification of each insurance agent, broker, insurance producer, or similar licensee 18 in order to sell or transact insurance on Guam, as a prerequisite to the renewal of the 19 license or licenses held by such individual(s). I Liheslatura thus elects to authorize 20 the Insurance Commissioner of Guam to promulgate the rules and regulations 21 contained herein as a means of establishing minimum education criterion for each licensee in order to transact or sell insurance on Guam. Such regulations are 22 23 promulgated pursuant to the authority granted to the Insurance Commissioner of
- 25 **§ 2102.** Purpose.

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The purpose of these regulations is to establish requirements and standards for the continuing education program for persons licensed to transact or sell insurance.

Guam in §§ 12212 and 15703 of Title 22, Guam Code Annotated.

| 1 | § 2103. | Definitions. |
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| 2 | The follow | ing terms in this Chapter are defined as follows: |
| 3 | (a) | "Agent" means general agent and insurance producer, unless |
| 4 | otherwise a | pparent from the context. |
| 5 | (b) | "Broker" means a person who, for compensation and on behalf |
| 6 | of another 1 | person, transacts insurance business other than as insurer, general |
| 7 | agent, sub- | agent, solicitor or insurance producer. |
| 8 | (c) | "Commissioner" means the Banking and Insurance |
| 9 | Commissio | ner. |
| 10 | (d) | "Department" means the Guam Department of Revenue and |
| 11 | Taxation. | |
| 12 | (e) | "Insurance Producer" means a person required to be licensed |
| 13 | under the la | nws of Guam to sell, solicit or negotiate insurance. |
| 14 | (f) | "Person" means an individual, limited liability partnership, |
| 15 | partnership | , limited liability company, corporation, incorporated or |
| 16 | unincorpor | ated association, joint stock company, reciprocal, syndicate, or any |
| 17 | similar enti | ty or combination of entities acting in concert. |
| 18 | (g) | "Transact" means, when applied to insurance, solicitation, |
| 19 | negotiation | s preliminary to execution, execution or transaction subsequent to |
| 20 | execution, | or a contract of insurance or matters appertaining thereto. |
| 21 | § 2104. | Applicability. |
| 22 | These regu | lations shall apply to resident persons licensed pursuant to Article |
| 23 | 7 of Chapter 15, | Title 22, Guam Code Annotated, to engage in the sale of the |
| 24 | following classes | of insurance: |
| 25 | (a) | life insurance, annuity contracts, variable annuity contracts, and |
| 26 | variable life | e insurance; |

sickness, accident and health insurance;

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| 1 | (c) | all lines of property and casualty insurance; and |
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| 2 | (d) | all lines of insurance for which an examination is required. |
| 3 | § 2105. | Educational Requirements. |
| 4 | (a) Resi | dent persons licensed to sell or transact insurance shall mean any |
| 5 | person licensed f | or: |
| 6 | (1) | life insurance, annuity contracts, variable annuity contracts, and |
| 7 | variable lit | fe insurance; |
| 8 | (2) | sickness, accident and health insurance; |
| 9 | (3) | all lines of property and casualty insurance; and |
| 10 | (4) | any combination thereof. |
| 11 | (b) Resi | dent persons licensed to sell or transact insurance shall annually |
| 12 | complete fourtee | n (14) credit hours of continuing education prior to renewal of the |
| 13 | license, which in | cludes the following: |
| 14 | (1) | two (2) credit hours in ethics courses; |
| 15 | (2) | minimum of six (6) credit hours per class of insurance (i.e., life, |
| 16 | health, or p | property and casualty); and |
| 17 | (3) | six (6) credit hours of either insurance specific courses or general |
| 18 | insurance of | courses. |
| 19 | (c) Indi | viduals with multiple licenses are required to annually complete a |
| 20 | minimum of four | rteen (14) credit hours of continuing education prior to renewal of |
| 21 | the license as fol | lows: |
| 22 | (1) | two (2) credit hours of ethics courses; |
| 23 | (2) | minimum of six (6) credit hours for each class of insurance (i.e., |
| 24 | an individ | ual holding both life and property and casualty must have six (6) |
| 25 | credit hour | rs for life and six (6) credit hours for property and casualty to renew |
| 26 | both insura | ance licenses). |

- (d) Individuals licensed for more than two (2) classes of insurance may result in the completion of more than the annual minimum fourteen (14) credit hours of required continuing education hours.
- (e) Resident persons licensed to adjust losses on any or all of the following classes of insurance, such as fidelity and surety, fire, marine, motor vehicle, property damage and liability, workmen's compensation, and miscellaneous lines claims, shall complete a total of fourteen (14) credit hours every two (2) years prior to renewal of the license as follows:
 - (1) two (2) credit hours in ethics courses;

- 10 (2) minimum of six (6) credit hours per class of insurance (i.e., life, health, or property and casualty); and
 - (3) six (6) credit hours of either insurance specific courses or general insurance courses.
 - (f) Persons with continuing education hours earned within two (2) years prior to renewal of the license have valid continuing education (CE). Any remainder of continuing education hours completed exceeding the required numbers of hours for license renewals may be carried forward and applied to earned credit hours for future license renewals for a maximum of four (4) years.

§ 2106. Qualifying Continuing Education Courses; Approval; 20 Records.

(a) Any course, program of instruction, or seminar developed and/or sponsored by any admitted and licensed insurer, insurance trade or agents' associations or any independent program of instruction, shall require prior approval by the Commissioner in order to qualify for continuing education credit, and the equivalency of the number of classroom hours shall be assigned thereto by the Commissioner.

- (b) Correspondence courses shall qualify for the equivalency of the number of classroom hours assigned thereto by the Commissioner or recognized education association, under this regulation. The Commissioner shall accept both classroom study, verifiable self-study, or a combination of both. On-line learning may be a combination of verifiable self-study and classroom study. Classroom study may include distance learning, webinars, virtual classes and traditional classroom. The Commissioner has the discretion to limit, but may not prohibit, verifiable self-study.
- (c) A person with an insurance related designation teaching a course of instruction, and lecturing at any seminar or program, shall qualify for the same number of classroom hours as would be granted to a person taking and successfully completing such course, seminar or program.
- (d) A licensee that takes approved courses, seminars, lectures and webinars shall provide proof of attendance and successful completion of such course, seminar, lecture, or webinar. Upon completion of an approved continuing education course, the approved course provider shall issue a signed certificate of completion that certifies that the insurance producer has successfully completed the course. The approved course provider shall electronically submit to the Commissioner a list of all insurance producers who have successfully completed the course. The providers shall maintain course records for at least three (3) years. The Commissioner may order an examination of a provider's records for good cause shown.

§ 2107. Repeated Courses.

A continuing education course may be repeated for credit in successive renewal terms, but they are not permitted to take a course for credit more than once in the same license continuation period.

§ 2108. Extension of Time.

For good cause shown, the Commissioner may grant an extension of time during which the requirements imposed by these regulations may be compiled for

- each type of license identified in § 2105 of this Chapter. The extension will not alter
- 2 the requirements or due date of the succeeding educational requirement period.
- 3 'Good cause' includes disability, natural disasters, or other extenuating
- 4 circumstances. Each request for an extension of time shall be in writing from the
- 5 licensee and shall include details and any documentation to support the request. The
- 6 Commissioner must receive each request no less than thirty (30) days before the
- 7 expiration of the licensing period.

§ 2109. Compliance.

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Any person licensed to sell insurance prior to the effective date of these regulations shall comply with all the terms and requirements of § 2105 of this Chapter in order to be licensed.

§ 2110. Penalty, Legal Authority, §§ 15703 and 15705 of the Insurance Laws.

Any person failing to meet the requirements imposed by these regulations and who has not been granted an extension of time within which to comply pursuant to § 2108, or who has submitted to the Commissioner a false or fraudulent certificate of compliance therewith, shall be subject to a suspension of or revocation of all licenses issued for any class or classes of insurance until such time that that person has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, that the person has complied with all the requirements of the insurance laws of Guam and these regulations, and all other laws applicable thereto. All other remedies available to the Commissioner for false or fraudulent certificates or any misrepresentations in accordance with the insurance law available to the government of Guam in any law, shall be at the discretion of the Commissioner.

§ 2111. Continuing Education Exemption.

Any agent, broker, or insurance producer who is fifty-five (55) years of age and older, and who has been continuously licensed for twenty-five (25) years and is

- 1 in good standing, is exempted from taking the continuing education courses. An
- 2 affidavit that supports the claim must be presented to the Commissioner for the
- 3 exemption to be valid.
 - § 2112. Pre-Licensing Course and Written Examination.
- 5 All applicants must complete thirty (30) credit hours of pre-licensing
- 6 insurance courses on either life, accident and health, property and casualty, claims
- 7 adjuster, and other classes of insurance authorized by Title 22 GCA, Chapter 18,
- 8 Article 1. The pre-licensing course must be administered by a qualified instructor,
- 9 and the applicant must pass the written insurance examination."
- 10 Section 3. Effective Date. These regulations shall be effective August 1,
- 11 2022.

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- 12 Section 4. Severability. If any provision of these Regulations or its
- application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law,
- such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of these Regulations
- which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this
- end the provisions of these Regulations are severable.